CHEER FOR THE POOR AND SICK

Yuletide Charity Dispensed as Never Before.

MADE HAPPY.

Thousands of Baskets of Food Dietributed to Poor Families-Meals Served to the Homeless-Presents for the Little Folks-Holiday at the Jail and Reform Schools.

Christmas charity has been more widely dispensed this year than ever in the history of Washington. The efforts of the various institutions have been united as never before for the remembrance of the poor Not a single family whose destitution could be ascertained was without a dinner on this pre-eminent religious festival.

Inletide Cheer for the Poor.

Thousands of baskets containing food were distributed at as many bomes of entables and more substantial gifts, and a Yuletide festival made many of them acqueinted with Santa Claus.

It is estimated that good cheer was be served brought to the homes of at least 750 destitute families of the District as the result of the indefatigable efforts of the officers of the Associated Charities, which extend back a number of weeks prior to the advent of the untal day.

Extensive Christmas Charity.

The work done this Christmas by the to a Times reporter, "was much more extensive than in previous years. This is due to the fact that it involved a great work also was begun long enough in advarce to see that everything was done wisely and well. By thus taking time by ample opportunity to go over their lists and see that every family visited during the year was provided for on Christmas

into the carrying on of the work on a very extensive scale was the number of churches, Sunday school classes, schools, and individuals who expressed a willingness to do something direct for one or more poor families. We gave out hundreds of addresses of worthy poor, and these channels of charity dispensation made ample provision for those recommended to them.

Overcouts for Destitute Boys,

that there is any more poverty abroad in the District. On the contrary, there is no cause for the poverty being any greater this year than in former years. The charity, however, was more general on account of the increased dexire on the part of those charitably inclined to do some.

Weiss, Misse Edma Turnburke, "Night," Post, Misse Edma Turnburke, quartette "Watching the Stars of Old," Carter, Misses Anna Goddard, Einel Hardell, Katie Williams, Richie McLean, carol, "Star of Splendor!" Mannot those charitably inclined to do some thing to bring happiness to those less fortenate than themselves.

One of the principal charitable movements was that of the Alman Temple, Mystic Shriners. Long before sunrise of the National Rifles Armory, ready to distribute Christmas dinners to the needy, In each of the baskets were twenty pounds of flour, one pound of coffee, one half pound of tea, one quart of beans, two pounds of homing, one box of English plum pudding, a ham weighing from six to ten pounds, one peck of turnipa, and a loaf of fresh brend. Besides the delivery made in the wagons

there were a great many who presented tickets at the hall and carried their dinners away with them

them were 1,500 pairs of stockings. Of each pair one was filled with candy and other with nuts and raising

been exhausted, 1,500 boxes of sweet-ments were distributed. All the aftermoon the armory rang with the loyers abouts of the children, and at Haley's band playing all kinds of lively music to

Car Tickets Distributed.

The Washington Traction and Electric Company contributed 600 car tickets, and the Columbia Traction Company 500 tickets for those who needed ironsporta-

Christmus at the Central Union Miss was celebrated with services in the audisorium at 10 o'clork yesterday movaling. Mr. O. B. Brown, chairman of the leard of directors, presiding. Over a fundred men from the streets attended the services. After the service a ticket was given to every person who asked, which entitled him to a boundful Christmas dister.

Salvation Army Charity.

Three hundred baskets of catables were given to the needs of Washington systes duy by the Salvating Army. These then and women have been working for many days and nights to accomplish this work, and yesterday they were recepted by knowing that they had believe at least 1,800

At the Asylum and Workhouse,

Christmas at the Washington anylor and workhouse to a dismal and sombr day, but the ginner which the inmates o those two places received yesterday was an exement on the usual fare. The disguests consisted of roast turkey and cran-berry sauce, must pig, pickled beets, assect potatoes, bolled onlong celery, names pic, smoles, and oranges. Not a had din-net for my man.

The Reform School Dinner.

At the Reform School for Boys yesterday was a gala day. The ceremonies started festivities.

to buys of the age of the inmates of the chool were indulged in and immensely enere present.

principal feature on the programs

was the giving of a one-pound box of can-ty to each one of the boys. On each box was inscribed the name of the recipient. Toys for the Orohans. All of the little children orphans of the

ity were vesterday made happy. Toys, cames, and anousements of all descriptions sere in abundance, sent by the patrons of The Children's Hospital una a scene of

comparative for for the little sufferers there. Although the Christmas tree fealivities have been postponed until a little later in the holidays, there was a toy of some description for every one of the pa-

The disper served to the little ones was ot as attractive as the toys seemed to . All of the toys were sent to the aspital by the children's friends.

All Discipline Relaxed.

At St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum the oys seemed to have a most joyous time. The play room resembled that of a coun ry school playground. These who cared o shout, shouted; these who wented to omp, romped; those who wanted to read ooks, rend books, and any other amusenents were indulged in that met the fanc whistles, some pop gons-in fact, there seemed to be a toy of every description

in the romp roam. St. Joseph's Orphan Asslum will soon. e to the boys a langed-for addition to building, which will include a large of the missions to homeless ones. And the awimming pool and gymnesium. Mrs. children were remembered with randy and junes F. Barbour will give her annual ireat to the buys in a week or ten days. At that time toys will be distributed, and large supper, consisting of wil kinds of bings that appeal to a boy's palate, will

A Pretty Christmas Tree.

have been seen at the institution for many years was set up in the playroom. It was ornamented with all kinds of pretty-Associated Charities," said Mr. Weller toys and tinsel. The little girls had a most hilarious time in their quiet, order-ly way. Candy and awcetments were ripplied in abundance to the little ones by due to the fact that it involved a great
friends of the asylum. A well-spread
deal more thorough and careful work than
has been undertaken in the past. The
day's programme. The dinner was also
work also was been long enough in adprovided by friends of the orphans.

The Washington Orphan Asylum, corner of Fourteenth and S Streets northwest, was another scene of Christman Joy. The the forelock al! of the District agents had children there were bountifully supplied with presents. The dismer consisted of turkey and cramberry sauce, relery, mince pic, and other good things that go to make up a Christman dinner. The boys and girls had numerous visits from their friends, and the day was one of cheer and brightness.

CONCERT AT MEMORIAL

Papils of the Chapel Sunday School in Song Tonight.

A Christmas Sunday-school con be held at Memorial Chapet, Fifth and P. Streets northwest, tonight at 7:00 o'clock, conclusion of which Santa Claus will visit the chapel and distribute nu

Overcouts for Destitute Boys.

The distribution by Saks & Co. of 100 general deal of work on the part of the District agents of the Associated Charities the first time were Shepherds. Associated Charities the first time were ever had the work. The recipieum of the overcoats were especially acleeted by the District agents and only the most destribute boys were provided with tickets destribute boys were provided with tickets of the Woolen ulsters which constituted the gift.

As regards the charity dispensed this carol. "Rejoics!" Rejoics! than in former years, it does not indicate Welss, Miss Ethel Helland; hymn Dressler, choir: duet, "As with Gladne ing to bring happiness to those less for-mate than themselves.

"As to the plans of the officers and World," Art. from Handel, choir; duet, agents of the Associated Churities for the "O Holy Night," (Adam) Arr. by Dres pagents of the Associated Churities for the
new year, we will continue along the
same old lines, but will continue to expand the work. We cialm to be to the
poor what a physician is to the sick, and
we want to place ourselves in a position
to be justly entitled to make such claim.

Shriners Give Dinner and Presents. Augusta Sabotka, quartette, Lotty," Elvey, Missen Ethe Ruby Shaver, Ruby Hardell, Mystic Shriners Long before sunrise presented with the state of the National Rifles Armory, ready to the National Rifles Armory, ready to Granahan, choir.

Address Was Superfluous.

A little bright-eyed flexen-haired boy attracted attention amid the crush of people who had business at the city postoffice last Tuesday marning. He held a letter in his hand and waited modestly In the afternoon there was a festival for the departure of the crowd collected and concert for the children. At 1 o'clock the little felks mucched into the or the hall there were two large Christ-letter box and ctrefully deposited his max trees. On the two trees and around epistle, lingering near as it anxious over the safety of the precious document, and his actions attracted the attention of the Each poor child attending got a pair of clerk statlened at the window, whose cu these stockings. When the stockings had | rightly induced him to examine the super-

scription of the letter. The address on the missive was simply "To My Dear Grandmother, California," whose memory in the mind of her grand thild doubtless was redulent of cake and he "goodies" which grandmothers are

generally an ready to supply.
"Look here, my liftle man," said the clerk, "she is your grandmother and where does she live." 'Why she's my grandma, and the lives

California."
"Yes, I see that on the letter, but it will ver get to her if her name isn't on I and the place where she lives." Well, all right, then you put it on, "But I won't know it unless you tell

she's my grandma-don't you know her? She used to live at my

After considerable ingenuity on the part of the rierk and some influent evasion by the child the lady's name and residence were finally odded to the address after which the lad went on his way, rejoicing in the assurance that now his "dear grandma" would certainly receive the important communication from her darling

NOEL HOUSE JOYFUL.

Social Settlement Enjoyed Big Christmas Festival Vesterday.

There will be a Christmas tree conight t the Noel House, the social settlement ecently opened at 869 Piret Street northwest by Miss Amelia Ryan, when afty of the children who three nights a week gather there to play games and indules in vocal and instrumental music will as semble around and receive some gift, together with a stocking filled with candy fruit, and nots. Ice cream and cake will

Chris'mas Eve. Exercises of interest The Boys' Club meets every Monday playes at Headquarters.

and Friday evenings, and the Girls' Club on Monday night, and the purpose of the settlement is to elevate the children from the back streets and alleys and lead them

to a higher conception of life.

A feature of the meeting nights of the Boys' Club is a military drill, the boys being instructed in the marching movements and the setting-up exercises by addts from the Washington High School. Colonel Ross, who is in charge of the codets at the High School, has also manifested a kindly interest in this branch of the work being carried on at the Noel

A movement is on foot by those inter ested in this project to purchase wooden guns for the prospective cadets, so that they can be drilled in the manual of arms as well as in the school of the soldier. The procuring of rifles such as are used the cadets at the Washington High School will be considered after a com pany of cadets has been organized and the boys are thoroughly enthused with affairs military.

LITTLE ONES MADE HAPPY.

Society of the Christ Child and Its Work Among the Poor. Although the headquarters of the So

moved from 800 Firs. Street northwest to Ellicott City, Md., 400 of the poor children of the District whose homes are in the fatheriess and motherless boys All the back streets and alleys can attest fibers had toys, some tin horns, some the generosity of a Santa Claus, who is the generosity of a Santa Claus, who is no other than Miss Mary V. Merrick, the president and founder of the society Christmas Day of 1901 marked the wellth anniversary of the founding of this organization, and it now boasts of membership of nearly 400. The object of the society is to provide good, warm clothing for children under the age of cwelve years, the dispensing of good cheen at Christmas, and during the summe months to send all children to the coun try who will be benefited by a few weeks

Feminine toys amused the little girls of St. Vincent's Orphan Asylum, located near the Catholic University. One of the prestitest trimmed Christmas trees that the Santa Claus line cheerfully performed by the content of the little ones, who formed by the members of the society

ng when their parents are too poor to

Claus, making known their manifold wants, and send them to the patron saint of Yuletide, not addressed to his residence at the North Pole, but in care of the Society of the Christ Child. This year the letters received numbered 400. They were distributed among the members of the society, who purchased the much-coveted gifts, together with an abundance of candy, popcorn, fruit and nuts, and delivered them to the writers.

The requirements of membership in the society are an annual contribution in money or sewing, and the giving at least one poor child a "merry Christmas" by filling his or her stocking on Christmas Eve with just what he or she has written dear old Santa to bring. Thus the identity of Kris is perpetuated in the minds of the rising generation who have less of this world's goods than some of

During the twelve years of its existmagnitude of the sweet charity d cheer dispensed by it has made happy each year on Christmas bay, as against several dozen or several more when the organization was in its infancy. Miss Merrick, the president and found er, is an invalid, but in spite of her af-fliction she devotes all her spare moments to superintending the great philanthropic

One Hundred Boys Furnished With

Warm Overcoats Gratis.

Yesterday the tenth annual distribution of overcomes was held by the firm of Sake & Co. A few weeks hefore Christmas of every year one hundred boys, from four to twelve years old, are picked out and given tickets.

Christmas morning they present their lickets at the store of Mesers, Saks, and day the little fellows were standing in line when the store opened for this gratuitous sa'e, and some of them were almost without clothes, some had sleeves in their coats, and others had no The clerks, a half dozen in num-who waited on the urchins, were as polite and attentive to their wants to them as if engaged selling goods to the man of society, and Mr. Isador Saks was esent to see that the lads were properly supplied.

QUEER END TO ELOPEMENT.

susband Satisfied to Recover Child and Some Money.

JOPLIN, Mo., Dec. 25.-The arrest of leseried flustrand, ended a sensational opement here last night with the injured husband congratulating his wife and the man on their successful escapade. Three weeks ago Mrs. John Bublitz de-

accompanied by G. K. Kimball. They went to Chiacgo, Denver, and Joplin, where Bublitz located them. He swore out a warrant for the arrest week, with the regular Toesday, Thurs of his wife and Kimball and went to serve the day and Saturday marinees. There were the summons, and an extra matinee on Wednesday, Sublive took the child in his arms. Year Day. Kimbell was absent, trying to buy a aloon with Bubitz's money

When Kimball returned Bublitz con-Pinally Kimball and Mrs. Bublicz returned \$1,300 of Bublitz's money and Rub-litz took his child and lett.

TO RECLAIM THE PASSAIC.

" Reports New Disposal Scheme.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 25.-A plan for he purification of the Passaic River, now laden with death-dealing sewage all along its course from Paterson to the Bay, has been submitted in the report of the sensational barefoot dancer, and the the State Sewerage Commission, which han made a long and exhaustive study of the subject. The plan is wholly new, and, it is claimed, presents a solution of a problem which has vexed and conused successive Legislatures for many

The play proposed consists of a scheme-for depositing the sewage of the entire Passaic Valley, by means or a trunk out-leff into the leart or New York Bay, at a point near Robin's Reed ledge. At this point the water in the bay is seventy feet deep. This point is a considerable distance inside or the New Jersey State-tics. distance listing of the New Jersey State-line, so there could be no objection on the part of the New York authorities, or, if they did make objection, it would be unavailing. The estimated cost of the trunk newer is \$7,000,000, and it would take several years to build, but it is said to be the most economical plan et sugrested.

Presents From Major Sylvester.

The captains and lieutenants of the different police precincts assembled yes terday morning in the office of Major Sylvester, where they were each present also be served to the children during the their departure similar remembrances ed with some useful present, and after were presented to a number of the em-

COMING TO THE THEATRES.

National -"The Torendor."

"The Toreador," the new musical omedy in which Nixon & Zimmerman will present Francis Wilson and a company of 120 people at the National Theaire next Monday night, was first produced at the Galety Theatre in London ast June, The "London Telegraph" decribed it as "gay, witty, restless, tuneul exhibarating laughable merry nicresque, and charming." Those who are amiliar with the coming American production say these adjectives very faithully describe it.

In the character of Sammy Gigg, the cotman or "tiger," who mistakes the advertisement of an animal dealer as a call for the services of a man in his vocation. Mr. Wilson has the best part be has had in years. The character affords him unusually strong opportunities for the claentangles him in a comic sentimental inrest which cannot but prove in sucly riety of the Christ Child has been re-

The lyrics and music of "The Toreador" are said to be the brightest and most attractive heard in a musical comedy in years, combining wit, humor, and jolly nonsense with cately melodies and tink-ling refrains. It is predicted that the music of "The Torendor" will be hummed and whistled all ever this city after the first performance. Mr. Wilson's part has several especially attractive numbers.

Columbia-"Foxy Quiller."

The Klaw & Erlanger opera compan oducing De Koven and Smith's comic opera, "Foxy Quiller," with Jerome Sykes as the central figure, will be the New Year attraction at the Columbia. This will be the third engagement of this organization in Washington. Klaw & Erlanger have long been noted for the magto make it a worthy contemporary for their a great feature with the local pack.

The Klaw & Erlanger opera company s headed by Jerome Sykes, whose creation f "Fory Quiller" is a comic opera classic. In the supporting cast are Eleanor Kent, dian, Barry McDonough, Louis Cassavant, Arthur T. Earnest, and others. There will e a special augmented orchestra under the lirection of Sig. A. De Novellis

The sale of seats will open this morning and there will be a special matinee New Year Day.

Chase's-Vandeville.

There will be a new sensation experience enced by Chase's patrons next week Whether it will be an agreeable one re mains to be seen, but undoubtedly it is a "thriller" made up of the most complex and composite assortment of nerve rackers. It is called the B. F. Keith Original and Only Cycle Track Sensation, and it increased, until now several hundred are describes the hazardous and unparalleled ride of three cyclists around the smalles stage track ever constructed, upon which they are held only by the centrifugal force generated by their speed. The track is funnel-shaped, the inclined being 70

The prices will not be increased at Chase's New Year Day matthee and the sale of seats has begun

The Lafayette-Sweet Lavender."

The Bellows stack company will re-"Sweet Lavender," by Arthur Wing Pinero, next week. The principal role will be assumed by Antoinette Walker will be well cast, according to the man

The Academy-"Winchester."

Among the myriad of war plays deal ing with the disrupted days between the have met with heartier approval than Winchester.

This latest war drams is from the per of Edwin McWade, and was originally produced at the American Theatre, New York, last April, and scored one of the greatest triumphs ever accorded a play greatest triumphs ever accorded a play dealing with matters military or actual exciting scenes, the over-towering o all being the thrilling moonlight ride an Oshkosh, Wis, sunsany couple by a town, where, amid innumerable obstacles includes the shooting of the villain delivers the reprieve, thus saving he lover from paying the penalty of death. Wright Huntington, Margaret Ms Hardee Kirkland, Julia Bachelder, Gay Bennett, Edwin McWade, Clint G. Fore scried her husband, taking with her their Joseph Hanneway, Charles Chappelle, four-year-old child and \$1,000. She was Margaret Lee, Mart E. Heisey, and other capable players will contribute to make "Windlester" a success as the heliday at traction at the Academy of Music nex

Sam Devere's Own Company will be the

Year week. The company this scason I the largest Mr. Devere has had in years. Among the performers are Sam Devere aga: Sallah Abdullah's Arabs, seyen b all, said to be the most wonderful acro bats of the age; the Troubadour Four, a quartette of stugers and comediars harto best; the Celebrated Phases Trougdirect from the Alhambra Theatre, Lon don, England; Mildred Howard de Grey

Royal Ascot Girls, the latest English The performance will be brought to close by a farce entitled "The Cloak Mosels," which is sail to be full of bright and withy sayings new and catchy music funny comedians, and a hoat of pretty young ladies, and should prove to be on

Bijon-Burlesque and Vandeville. At the head of the bill of yaudeville and surlesque which will be seen at the Ritor Theatre next week will be the original Mudison Square Cycle Whirl, which has been very aptly described as a whirtwind hicycle race on a miniature track. Thi track, which consists of a bowl-shapes arrangement, with a track at an angle 70 degrees, will provide the most curiou speedway that has ever been seen on Washington stage. It is scarce nine fer in diameter, yet in this circumscribe space two such celebrated racers as John Lawson, "the terrible Swede," and Leste Wilson, of Pittsburg, who swished second in the recent six-day higyele race at Med-ison Square Garden, New York, will dush around at whirlwind speed.

Bonnie Thornton will present a budge of new songs in her own inimitable ma ner. Williams and Adams will give

nackabout set, and Sam J. Adams will offer a new monologue. Palfrey & Hilton, comedy cyclists, Barrington & Martell in ougs and dances, and the Ryders and

songs and dances, and the Ryders and their troupe of performing monkeys will reand out the programme.

The regular Bijou stock burlesque com-pany will be seen in a new absurdity that will introduce the principal members in consenial roles and offer almost unlim-ited opportunities for the creation of amusing comedy situations.

Many artists are great along some line, but very few are great in all. It is, however, one of Mme. Lillian Nordica's distinguishing characteristics that in whatever direction she has turned her efforts the result has been distinguished pre-eminence, as is evidenced by her trimphs, which have been continuous and brilliant the length and breadth of two continents. In oratorio Mme. Nordica has teade many notable successes. With a ion of that peculiar style of grotesque large and varied repertoire of songs in stage (un for which he is noted and also entangles him in a comic sentimental inlcious MacLowell's "The Robin Sings" I Chaminade's dainty "Berccuse," she s entranced the public, and in thirtyand Cham has entranced the public, and in thirty-five or forty operas Nordica has brought the world to her feet. Last September she opened the new Wagner Theatre in Munich, when she sang Isolde in "Tris-tam and Isolde," and later Elsa in "Lobengrin." In October she returned to song recitals. This will be her first ap-pearance in recital, and the tour will in-dicate the Pacific Const. Canada, and the South. She will be heard at the National South. She will be heard at the National Theatre Tuesday afternoon, December. 31 at 4:15 o'clock.

CHEVY CHASE CLUB RUN.

Enjoyable Ride Behind Pack Yes terday Despite Soft Ground.

After baving been frozen up for the mat ten days, the Chevy Chase Hounds vere out for the Christmas morning meetnificence of their stage productions, and it ing at the club house at 11 a. m. with a s little wonder that when they produced good following in the saidle, as the Foxy Quiller" nothing was left undene Christmas Day bunt has always been made

The going was extremely trencherous, and everyone rode with double care. Many were the hard falls encountered before the death, but luckily no one was see Careeron, Lifflan Seville, Marian injured, and those unfortunate enough to it. Christic, Almira Porrest, Julius be thrown were quickly back in the saddle and finished well up. injured, and those unfortunate enough to and finished well up.

Among those who came croppers were Mr. Gist Blair, acting master, on Beverly; Miss Laughern, on Attorney, and Mr. J. Van Ness Phillp, on Harikari. All the falls were caused by the greasy going, nd it was only a wonder that anyone esaped feeling the ground.

The hounds were cast in the club or bard and carried the scent to the east. rning after a couple of miles toward the es: over the Dunlop farm, and crossing the Rockville Pike toward the Potoma

After a good gallop of about ten or weive miles over splendid nunting com ry, with the pack running fast and true he hounds picked up the trail of a fox and, with much music, ______ the Gold-borough farm, where several stiff slat and sapling fences were negotiated by the field. Finally the fox was killed in the weeds bordering on West Chevy

Mr. Edward McLeon, on Gray Fox; Mr. Chester Kerr, on The Moon, Mr. Philip Hichlorn, on Marquise; Mr. George Wetore, on Ratiler, and Robert Curran huntsman, on Masterpiece; Tom Co the first whip, on Kohinoor, and Curran, the second whip, on Parson, The next meet will be held on Seturday

he Tenleytown powerhouse. SURVEYED THE VOSEMITE

Clarence King, Geologist and Phe

tographer, Passes Away. Clarence King, who was the first diector of the United States Geological Survey, died at Phoenix, Ariz, last Tues-North and South, there are few that day at the age of sixty years. Mr. King was by profession a geologist and mining engineer, and in both of these lines of work attained distinction. He was born In Newport, R. L. January 6, 1842, and was graduated from the Sheffield Scientific

School in 1862. In 1862 he joined the California Geological Survey, and assisted in exploring the northern Sierras and the region about Mount Shasta, in the following spring Mount Shasta, in the following spring participating in the exploration of the southern part of the Sierra Nevadies. In the autumn of 1884 King and Gardiner made a survey, geological and topographical, of the Yosemite Valley. Mr. King traveled widely, was of varied cultivation in betters and art, an alert and leatned thinker, and will be deeply and tenderly mourned by numerous friends

here, where he was well known.

TO AWAIT PRIVY COUNCIL. Australian Customs Cases Compro-

mised Pending a Decision. SYDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 25, Mr. Bar on, Prime Minister and Minister for Exernal Affairs of the Australian Comme ealth and the North German Llove Steamship Company have compromised the actions growing out of certain of th company's captains breaking the seal ention of the customs laws, pending

Eczema

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